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MEMORANDUM

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To: Council Member Dan Niziolek, Chair
Public Safety and Regulatory Service Committee Members

From: Klara A. Fabry, Public Works Director

Subj: Stormwater Utility Bill Update

At the March 26 PS & RS Committee there was a public hearing on the draft Rainleader Disconnect Ordinance. At that time, in addition to postponing the public hearing until April 23, staff was also requested to report back on an update on the Stormwater Utility Fee progress.

Stormwater Utility Fees

The funds generated through the implementation of a Stormwater Utility are anticipated to be used to cover all public costs associated with all aspects of the City's stormwater management activities. These costs include, but may not be limited to flood mitigation and combined sewer overflow (CSO) capital improvements, compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations, and all operations and maintenance activities required to ensure the reliability of the system. These services are currently paid through the City's sewer charges.

Progress To Date

As part of the 2003 Public Works budget, funding was allocated to hire a consultant that will study the types of funding mechanisms using a stormwater utility fee that most meets the City's needs. Currently a scope of services to be provided by the consultant is being refined.

Timeline

The project for development of the stormwater utility rate structure and implementation will be conducted during 2003/2004. Implementation could possibly start in 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 673-2433. Thank you.